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THE AMERICAN UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION

THE ASSOCIATION was founded in 1825, its object being "to diffuse the knowledge and promote the interests of pure Christianity." In furtherance of this purpose the Association publishes books, reports, and tracts; supports missionaries; establishes and maintains churches, and aids in supporting ministers; assists students in preparing for the ministry; and helps fellow-citizens of foreign birth and speech in entering upon their American life. It administers endowments for the benefit of schools and churches of the Unitarian order; for the relief of poor and worthy ministers and the widows of ministers; for providing public lectures in centers of population; for the benefit of schools for colored people in the South; and for many other beneficent purposes.

THE ALLIANCE OF UNITARIAN WOMEN

THE ALLIANCE was organized in 1890, and has for its aims primarily to quicken the religious life of the Unitarian churches, and to bring the women of the denomination into closer acquaintance, co-operation and fellowship; to promote local organizations of women for missionary and denominational work; to bring them into helpful association; to collect and disseminate information regarding all matters of interest to the denomination, such as needs of local societies, facilities for meeting these needs, work to be done, the collection and distribution of money, and in general to devise ways and means for the most efficient usefulness of the women of the Unitarian fellowship.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S RELIGIOUS UNION

THE UNION was organized in 1896, and its purposes are to foster the religious life; to bring the young people of the Unitarian churches into closer relations with one another; and to spread rational views of religion and to put into practice such principles of life and duty as tend to uplift mankind. The cardinal principles of the Union are truth, worship and service. It maintains a field secretary to promote the organization of the young people and to extend the fellowship of the Union.

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Ministerial Personals

Rev. William Lindsay died at Sunderland, Eng., January 2, aged about sixty years. He held pastorates at Nottingham, Eng., and at Dover and Rochester, N.H., and Memphis, Tenn.

Rev. George G. Withington died on February 15, aged ninety-one years. He served for a short time as a missionary in the Western Conference and was for twelve years minister of the church at Easton, Mass.

Mr. Dan H. Fenn of the Harvard Divinity School has accepted a call to Augusta, Me.

Rev. A. R. Hussey has accepted a call to Plymouth, Mass.

Rev. L. Hayward of Newburyport, Mass., is in charge of the new work at Pasadena, Calif., and Rev. K. Lake of the Harvard Divinity School is preaching as a stated supply at Albany, N.Y.

Rev. R. E. Conner has resigned at Marlboro, Mass., to take effect May first.

Rev. M. B. Townsend has accepted a call to Medfield, Mass., and Rev. R. E. Griffith to Waterville, Me.

Journeys

The President of the Association, Dr. Eliot, is now on the Pacific Coast, where he is meeting appointments primarily in the interest of the Membership Campaign. On February 19th he preached at Lawrence, Kan., in the morning, and at Topeka, Kan., in the evening, and then proceeded direct to San Diego. On February 26th he preached at Los Angeles, and he has had opportunity to visit the churches in Long Beach and Redlands, and the new movements in Hollywood and Pasadena. His Sunday appointments in March are: 5th, Santa Barbara; 12th, San Francisco and Alameda; 19th, Seattle; 26th, Spokane. He has week-day appointments at Oakland, Berkeley, Palo Alto, and Sacramento, Calif., and Eugene, Salem, and Portland, Ore. From Spokane he will return to attend the meeting of the Religious Education Association in Chicago, March 29th to 31st.

The recent speaking engagements of the Secretary of the Department of Church Extension, Dr. Simons, have been at Lowell and Concord, Mass., King's Chapel, Boston, Windsor, Vt., Cleveland, Ohio, Dunkirk, Jamestown, and Niagara Falls, N.Y., and the Second Church, Brooklyn, N.Y.

The Field Secretary, Mr. Brown, has been preaching at Belfast, Me., Charlestown, Littleton, and Laconia, N.H., Hubbardston, Harvard, Chelmsford, and Danvers, Mass., and New London, Conn. He has also visited the churches in Waterville and Au-

gusta, Me., Dover, Rochester, and Walpole, N.H., and Brattleboro, Vt. His next preaching appointments are at Whitman, Gardner, and Brewster, Mass., and the Second Church in Salem.

The Pacific Coast Field Secretary, Mr. Wetherell, is just returning from a long journey in the Northwest, visiting all the churches in Oregon and Washington.

Church Extension Department

January 15th saw the final act in the establishment of our new church organization in Niagara Falls. A fine new church building was dedicated with an attendance at the morning service of 326 and in the evening of over four hundred. The situation here has afforded a dramatic illustration of the constructive possibilities when there are available adequate financial assistance to start with, a competent leader, and a responsive people.

Another movement of great promise came under permanent leadership in Hollywood, Calif., when Rev. Theodore C. Abel was installed as minister of the Unitarian Society of Hollywood on December 25, 1921. From the first gathering of these people they have shown an earnestness which was not to be denied, and now with a minister and with services held in an attractive place the church will rapidly gather strength.

A new church is in process of organization at Pasadena, Calif. Rev. Laurence Hayward of Newburyport is there for three months, bringing together the Unitarian constituency. Miss Isabella M. Bennett has made it possible for the denomination to secure a valuable piece of property. The lower floor of her home has been remodelled in order to make an auditorium. For years the A. U. A. has been urged to undertake a movement in Pasadena, but has refrained because in so small a place the presence of a Universalist Society has seemed to make a Unitarian church unnecessary. The city has grown rapidly in recent years and the Unitarian sentiment there has itself crystallized in action looking toward the organization of a church. Fortunately the movement will start with a local habitation, well situated and well adapted to church purposes.

Committee on Prison Reform

Under authority of the Directors of the Association and in connection with the Department of Community Service, a committee has been organized to promote interest in the cause of penal reform, and Mr. Thomas Mott Osborne, formerly a Vice-President of the Association, will fill a number of appointments during March, speaking in the Unitarian churches and for the chapters of the League. His itinerary is as follows:

Lowell, Mass., Wednesday, March 1; Salem, Mass., Thursday, March 2; Winchester, Mass., Friday, March 3; Portland, Me., Sunday, March 5; Unity House, Boston, Mass., Monday, March 6; Marlboro, Mass., Tuesday, March 7; Fitchburg, Mass., Wednesday, March 8; Buffalo, N.Y., Friday, March 10; Flint, Mich., Sunday, March 12; Detroit, Mich., Tuesday, March 14; Kalamazoo, Mich., Wednesday, March 15; Toledo, Ohio, Friday, March 17; Ann Arbor, Mich., Sunday, March 19; Indianapolis, Ind., Tuesday, March 21; Louisville, Ky., Wednesday, March 22; Cincinnati, Ohio, Thursday, March 23; Dayton, Ohio, Friday, March 24; Youngstown, Ohio, Sunday, March 26, A.M.; Meadville, Pennsylvania, Sunday, March 26, P.M.; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Tuesday, March 28; Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Thursday, March 30.

There may be slight changes in a very few instances, but most of the dates are definitely fixed.

Department of Religious Education

The response of our schools to our annual request for full reports of their size, organization, and activities has been so far gratifying. Last year only sixteen schools in the United States and Canada failed to respond. This year we hope for results that will surpass that excellent record. We are the more anxious to receive these returns as soon as possible because we are sending to each address thus secured a special message, and wish to get this message into the hands and hearts of our workers as soon as may be. We therefore urge those who have not yet reported, to do so at once.

The message we are thus sending is of greater importance this year because it carries also suggestions about increasing the size of our schools. This is part of the denominational campaign for membership, and the suggestions offered have been prepared by Dr. Buck of this Department, who is a member of the Denominational Committee on the Membership Campaign. It is our earnest wish that our church schools may show an increase of at least twenty-five per cent. over last year's enrollment. This—and in some cases more than this—has been accomplished already by some of our schools. We urge increased activity in this field, and we earnestly request that in addition to the reports sent in upon the blanks that have been provided, further increases in the membership, however slight, be reported to us from week to week. This will enable us to keep our statistics up to date, and will assist in making our final report of membership and of gains, which we wish to have as full and as accurate as possible.

The Star Island Institute for Religious Education will be held next summer, as it was last summer, under the joint auspices of the Unitarian Laymen's League and the Department of Religious Education. It will begin on Saturday, July 29th, and close on Friday, August 11th, covering two weeks. An announcement of the program will appear in the April number of WORD AND WORK.

While the attendance at the Isles of Shoals Institute will be largely of delegates appointed by the Laymen's League, there will be room for a considerable number of others, who may secure enrollment and accommodations through the Department of Religious Education. It will probably be necessary to confine such appointment to actual and prospective teachers and officers in our church schools, and it is highly desirable that as many as possible of such persons shall attend the Institute to receive its instruction and inspiration. We urge all teachers and officers, actual or prospective, to make application for enrollment at this gathering as early as possible. Some of these should be sent as delegates to the Shoals by the local chapters of the Laymen's League, by The Alliance, the church, or the church school to which they are related. Those who can secure League appointment should see that their names are recorded at the Boston headquarters of the Laymen's League, at 7 Park Square. All others should send their names to the Department of Religious Education, 25 Beacon Street, Boston.

The Annual Convention of the Religious Education Association will be held at the Congress Hotel, Chicago, beginning March 29th and ending April 1st. The topic for consideration will be "Week-day Instruction in Religion." This topic, which is one of the most important that could be discussed, has been made the subject of careful study throughout the year, and reports of present developments and recommendations as to future policies will be made, all of which promises to be of unusual value. The Religious Education Association has from the start made a strong appeal to Unitarians.

That body of expert scholars, like our own denomination, places religious education foremost among methods of promoting the religious life and developing a wholesome state of society. Both organizations agree also in believing that religious education should be conducted according to the fullest possible knowledge and along lines that approve themselves to trained and experienced educators. The President of the American Unitarian Association and the three secretaries of the Department of Religious Education plan to attend this Chicago convention, and it is hoped that many more of our church-school workers will avail themselves of its privileges. Nearly all the meetings are freely open to all interested.

The Wayside Pulpit

To every Unitarian church which has a Wayside Pulpit, a roll of special sheets has been sent. These sheets are for use during the Membership Campaign, which continues till Easter Sunday, April 16th. In this effort of the churches of our fellowship to reach and win people who are outside of all churches, the Wayside Pulpit is an effective implement. It preaches literally "by the wayside" and reaches many people who are detached from all churches. It has brought many of these people to a sense of the duty of church membership.

Any Unitarian church which has not yet adopted the Wayside Pulpit should delay no longer. The full equipment can be ordered from headquarters, and will be shipped promptly.

Address all inquiries to Henry Hallam Saunderson, Editor, 25 Beacon Street, Boston 9, Mass.

Report of Nominating Committee

In accordance with the vote passed at the Annual Meeting of the American Unitarian Association in 1915, the Nominating Committee desire to publish a copy of the ballot they have prepared for use at the Annual Meeting in 1922.

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The Alliance of Unitarian and Other Liberal Christian Women

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Miss Lucy Lowell, *President* — Mrs. Caroline S. Atherton, *Recording Secretary*
Mrs. Lucia Clapp Noyes, *Treasurer* — Mrs. Robert H. Davis, *Corresponding Secretary*

Fellowship Prayer

Father of our Spirits, Thou who hast breathed into us the great gift of Life, help us to realize its sacredness and feel the wonder of its power. May the thought of its blessedness inspire us with a deep longing to bless our fellow creatures; may we freely give our strength to help the weak, our joy to cheer the sad, and our love to enfold all in tenderness, even as Thou dost gather all Thy children within the safety of Thine everlasting love! Wherever we may travel on Life's journey, may we feel that, even in the uttermost parts, Thy hand shall hold us, and that our every need is known to Thee! Keep us pure in thought, and word, and deed. Help us to be true to Jesus and his life of self-forgetfulness, fill us with his spirit, and strengthen us to follow in his footsteps doing good. Amen.

[This is the Fellowship Prayer for 1922 of the British League.]

Fellowship Work

Recently a letter reached me from a friend, placed by circumstances in a community whose outstanding religious characteristics are an unyielding orthodoxy and a determination to keep this orthodoxy pure and undefiled. My friend, brought up in the free air of liberalism, finds the irksome restraints and the lack of fellowship with congenial spirits almost unbearable. On receipt of a letter from me asking her to become a Fellowship Member of The Alliance, she wrote at once as follows: "I know that I want to become a Fellowship Member right away, so please tell me quickly all that it means."

Branches that have heard of the program outlined by the Fellowship committee are asking what it all means. Branch officers who will follow the suggestions given below will soon find that it is self-explanatory and abundantly rewarding work.

This work was inspired in the first instance by Miss Grace Mitchell, who visited this country from Great Britain in 1920, telling us at the May Meetings of Fellowship work in the British League, and afterwards taking her message across Canada to the Pacific Coast and to many branches on her way home across the continent. The work has gone forward steadily in this country, until Fellowship Members now number 215, and 63 branches in seventeen States have made a start.

What does the Fellowship offer?

First, to friends who have left a liberal church, removing to a community where the churches are not congenial, or where there may be no church, it offers a close and intimate contact with their former church-home and Alliance branch; *second,* to friends who go to a community which has a Unitarian church it secures a warm welcome on their arrival, since the local branch has already been notified of their coming.

How to Organize Fellowship Work in a Branch.

(1) Appoint a Fellowship Secretary.

(2) Ask Alliance members to provide names of prospective Fellowship Members from among friends who have recently removed or are about to move away.

(3) When the privileges of the Fellowship have been offered to these friends and they have been enrolled as

Fellowship Members on the payment of the ordinary branch dues, send their names *at once* to the central committee on Fellowship at 25 Beacon Street, Boston.

(4) Assign one correspondent to each Fellowship Member enrolled and see that each such member receives a letter once a month from her correspondent.

(5) Send out from the branch once a month the literature which is provided for this purpose by the central committee.

(6) Read extracts from letters received from Fellowship Members by correspondents in your branch at your regular meetings.

Difference between Fellowship and Friendly Links Work.

Fellowship work has sometimes been confused with that of the Friendly Links, of which Miss Mitchell also spoke. In Fellowship work friends are definitely linked up with members of Alliance branches with which they have already had more or less association. In the Friendly Links, individuals are linked up with one another whether members of an Alliance branch or not. Letters of the same character as the Fellowship letters pass between them. The Friendly Links are increasing in number and this work will steadily grow in importance. The international side of it is most encouraging and inspiring.

The Deeper Meaning of Fellowship Work.

Underlying it all and giving it a *raison d'être* is a deeply religious purpose. Life is full of trivial things, and our Fellowship letters would mean little to any one if they also were full of unimportant trifles. The letters and the splendid literature circulated, chosen with the greatest care and sent out from headquarters, bring a message of hope and cheer and love, for all find their source in the joyful faith which our liberal religion inspires.

We often bewail the empty pews in our churches. In Fellowship work we have an exceptional opportunity to spread the evangel ourselves, for this glad work, sped on its quiet way, reaches after and holds with a personal touch those who might drift out of all association with the liberal church. Once having seen the vision, surely no group of Alliance women, organized primarily to quicken our religious life, can refuse to grasp and make effective this opportunity which lies at our very doors.

MABEL SPEIGHT.

Executive Board

At the meeting held in Boston, February 10, Miss Lowell presided and conducted the devotional service. Thirty-two were present, including four members of committees and four branch presidents.

The Treasurer in her financial statement showed that the receipts from branches the past month were about the same as last year, whereas the amount asked for Appeals is much greater than ever before, and a special effort must be made if Appeals are to be met in full before May 1. (Of course we can do it. Our numbers are the largest in our history, and the reports indicate great strength in the branches.)

The President emphasized the fact that our own denominational Appeals should be answered before other causes are considered. The outside work has the whole world to call on. She announced that during the absence of Miss Whitman in Europe, Mrs. Prescott Keyes will be acting chairman of Appeals.

Mrs. Noyes reported that Madame Loyson, in addition to other uses of Alliance money in the devastated villages of Northern France, has established four libraries in the name of

The Alliance, with a book-plate in each volume indicating that it is the gift of The Alliance.

Mrs. S. A. Carr has been made a life member of The Alliance by the Westminster Branch, Providence, R.I.

The following names have been placed *in memoriam:* Mrs. Mary A. Bishoprick by the Samaritan Alliance, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Mrs. George A. Thayer by the Alliance at Cincinnati, Ohio; Mrs. May L. Sheldon, Lynn, Mass., by friends.

Miss Lowell reported having attended a neighborhood meeting at Weston, Mass., and the Monday Conference, at which she presided; and told of continued correspondence with distant branches.

By rising vote the Board sent a message of love and appreciation to Mrs. Mary B. Davis.

The Post-Office Mission report showed that 98 branches have joined in the coöperative advertising, whereas only 38 advertised last year; 3,752 applications have been received to date. There will be no Easter sermon this year in the Post-Office Mission series.

The Southern Circuit committee reported that the organ purchased for Bear Creek, N.C., arrived just in time to be of great help in a beautiful Christmas service held there.

The International committee reported interesting letters and greetings from Professor and Madame Puglisi of Florence, Mme. Giulio Benso of Turin, and Miss Van Eck of Leyden, Holland. The letters of appreciation of the help rendered through Mr. Hankinson in Budapest are many. Mrs. St. John has received the past month nearly $800 for Hungarian Relief, and again reminds the branches that this is a cause where it is better to give now than later. Friendly greetings and an expression of sympathy were voted to Madame Benso, who has been ill.

The Friendly Links report told that inquiries about the work have come from 176 branches, 410 links have been made (820 individuals), and there is a waiting-list of 50.

Miss Tufts for the committee on Young People announced that 149 churches observed Young People's Sunday, January 22, and that in 56 churches the entire service was in the hands of the young people; 270 young people joined our churches on that day. A vote of greeting was passed to Miss Pfleghaar, Secretary of the Young People's Religious Union, with sincere appreciation of the service she is rendering the whole denomination.

Mrs. Harold E. B. Speight of Boston was elected a member of the Fellowship committee.

Attention was called to the slides and lecture on Transylvania, which may be obtained upon application to 25 Beacon Street, Boston.

Chairmen of committees are making many visits in response to calls from the branches for information about their several lines of work.

California, Oregon, and Washington were brought vividly before the members assembled in Boston by the excellent reports. These spoke with great appreciation of the visit of Miss Lee and Miss Hargrove; of the stimulus given to the Young People's work by the service of Mrs. Charles H. Thompson, Jr., Y. P. R. U. Field Secretary; and of the new hope and life brought to the Pacific Coast through the buoyant and enthusiastic spirit of Mr. Carl B. Wetherell, Field Secretary. Upon hearing of the courage of the little branch at Vancouver, B.C., the Board voted to send cordial greetings. Four Massachusetts directors reported varied activities of their branches which are "reaching out with a broader vision and a bigger sense of responsibility."

Caroline S. Atherton,
Recording Secretary.

Committee on Young People

Will all Junior Alliances please see that a correct list of their Friendly Links is kept, with number of letters written and received since last May, in order to send a report in April to the Friendly Links chairman? Also, annual reports from each Junior Alliance will be welcomed by the chairman of this committee, Miss Helen Tufts, Exeter, N.H. Good reports have already been sent in by a few groups.

Junior Alliances can help this committee very much by sending us old copies of plays, which they have tried and found successful. Such copies may be lent to Junior leaders, who are trying to select a suitable play for their groups.

Concord, N.H. We opened our fourth year with a corn roast on a sand bar on the shore of the river. At this time we decided to have every alternate meeting a work meeting and the others for play. At our work meetings thus far we have prepared things for our tables at the Senior Alliance sale. We painted flower-pots and filled them with bulbs, we made favors, lollypop dolls, place-cards, candy nosegays, and dressed dolls in crêpe paper.

In October we gave a Harvest supper, and a little dinner in November, to which we invited the leader of the Jamaica Plain Juniors. We also had a Christmas dance, when every one had a wonderful time. Two of us went to Jamaica Plain in the holidays and attended the Vacation Meeting of the Junior Alliance there. Some of our plans for the rest of the year are a Valentine party, a stunt night, a St. Patrick's Day party, and a play.

Winchendon, Mass. We have been reading what other Junior Alliances have done, and we want them to know what we are doing. We worked for our table at the Putnam Alliance fair, and made $21.30, though there are only seven of us. We gave our church a Christmas present of a ton of coal. The girls make themselves very useful at the Alliance suppers. At our last meeting we chose our motto—or slogan, as we like to call it. It is, "To help others is the best way to help ourselves." Our president made it up and it is so very true, for we've tried it and we know! We also chose two flowers,—a carnation for winter and a forget-me-not for summer,—and our colors are blue and gold. We appointed a committee to make up our song and will send that to you later. Then we decided to have something I don't think many other Junior Alliances have, and that is a mascot! Only we can't decide whether to have a cat or a dog. Some one suggested that a stuffed animal would be best, as it would not have to eat. We are planning to present a play in March.

We hope all the Junior Alliances are having as good luck as we, and we should be glad to hear from any of them.

Friendly Links

The Friendly Links committee will hold its first conference in Channing Hall, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, on Friday, March 24, at 10.30 A.M. Every one interested in this new work of The Alliance is cordially invited to attend. It is hoped that as many local Friendly Link chairmen as possible may be present, and that each one will bring questions and suggestions regarding the work, and also some brief account of the progress of the links in her branch. Written reports will be welcome from any chairmen who cannot attend because of distance.

There are now over eight hundred names on our list and the number is constantly increasing. There is something very contagious about a successful link, and it often results in many more. New links have been begun

this winter in sixteen States from Maine to California, and also in Canada, England, Scotland, Wales, New Zealand, and Australia.

MARY F. GILL,
Chairman.

Manual Notes

Will branch officers note the following changes or additions: MASSACHUSETTS, Dorchester Channing, *Pres.*, Mrs. Emma D. Dwelley, 49 Pleasant St.; Fall River, *Sec.*, Mrs. James P. Hart, 543 Hanover St.; Leominster, *Sec.*, Mrs. Arthur C. Estabrook, 5 Cooledge Pl.; Wellesley Hills, *Cor. Sec.*, Mrs. J. W. Decrow, Windsor Road. DELAWARE, Wilmington, *Cor. Sec.*, Mrs. George M. Norman, 1410 Gilpin Ave. WEST VIRGINIA, Charleston, *Rec. Sec.*, Mrs. M. B. Good, 1922 Washington St. ILLINOIS, Bloomington, *Rec. Sec.*, Mrs. O. C. Evans, 801 S. Vale St. MINNESOTA, St. Paul, *Pres.*, Mrs. Walter L. Chapin, 631 Ashland Ave. OREGON, Salem, *Pres.*, Mrs. C. S. Hamilton, 290 N. Front St.; *Sec. and Treas.*, Mrs. Tom B. Robinson, 1971 Market St. WASHINGTON, Bellingham, *Pres.*, Mrs. J. A. Love, 2114 Walnut St. CALIFORNIA, Long Beach, *Sec.*, Mrs. Eulalie G. Fairfield, 1109 Linden Ave.; San Francisco, *Pres.*, Mrs. C. A. Patterson, 110 Twentieth Ave., *Rec. Sec.*, Mrs. E. Taylor, 1369 Hyde St., *Cor. Sec.*, Mrs. Paul Westerfeldt, 1828 Pine St., *Treas.*, Mrs. C. A. Marston, 541 Baker St.

New York League

The New York League of Unitarian Women held a luncheon in the Roof Garden of Hotel Astor, New York, Friday, January 13, Mrs. Alfred Robinson of Montclair, N.J., chairman; 322 were present, including a few men.

After the luncheon, Mrs. Edgar S. Wiers, the President of the League, called on several members to speak. Among these were Miss Emma C. Low, Mrs. Emil L. Boas, Mrs. Walter U. Lawson, Mrs. W. B. Donnell, Miss Ida Slade, and Mrs. Mary B. Davis.

Miss Angela Morgan read from her own poems. Mrs. Claude U. Gilson, who went on from Boston for the occasion, spoke interestingly of her summer's experience in Europe, and her study of international relations. Miss Grace Leslie, soloist of the West Side Church, gave two groups of songs.

The next meeting will take place March 3, at 11 A.M., at Community Church, Park Avenue and 34th Street, New York, and will be an Alliance Conference under the auspices of the standing committees of the New York League.

Southern California Associate Alliance

The Associate Alliance of Southern California assembled for the second meeting of its history in Los Angeles, January 12. A board meeting preceded the luncheon. At two o'clock the regular session opened with a devotional service conducted by Rev. T. C. Abel, minister at Hollywood. About two hundred women were present, including several non-Unitarians who were extremely interested. After a special welcome to the new branch at Hollywood, Mr. Carl B. Wetherell, Field Secretary for the Pacific Coast, brought greetings and told something of his work. Mrs. J. J. Harris, President of the Associate Alliance of Northern California, gave an inspiring talk on coöperation. There were brief but most encouraging reports from the branches, and a word from each of the directors, Mrs. Mersereau and Miss Spalding. Dr. Aurelia Henry Reinhardt, President of Mills College, gave a stirring address.

The next meeting, a midsummer picnic, will be July 1 at Long Beach, which it is hoped to make the "Isles of Shoals of the Pacific Coast."

Notes from the Branches

Eugene, Ore. "It seems as if we never had such a fine attendance and willingness to serve."

Portland, Ore. "The spirit of co-operation among the women is very remarkable." Fellowship work has been carried on very enthusiastically and effectively with an enrollment of 31 Fellowship members. A pleasant and profitable development of the past year has been monthly Sunday afternoon musicales given by the quartette choir, followed by a social hour during which tea is served.

Salem, Ore., has been reorganized. It has now a membership of 24 and effort is being made to have every woman in the church join the Alliance.

Victoria, B.C. The director, Mrs. J. C. Perkins, writes: "A small but steadfast happy band of loyal Unitarians, their hearts and faces turned ever towards the light with hopes and ambitions high enough to surmount any difficulties. I could wish that people who accuse our congregations and church worship of coldness and lack of fervor could join the little band of worshippers in the Victoria Chapel on a Sunday morning and participate in their service of praise and prayer. Much interest is being manifested in the improvements that are being undertaken in the church thanks to the encouragement and aid our Alliance branches have pledged. I am sure you would all be as eager as I am to help the Victoria Church and Alliance for they have proved themselves worthy of our whole-hearted support. I am glad to say that through kind friends who responded to my appeal to buy pews, enough has been given to meet the requirements; and by Easter it is hoped the little chapel will have its much needed addition to their equipment."

Monday Conference

How the Alliance branches can co-operate with the Young People's Religious Union was clearly stated at the meeting, January 3, by Miss Pfleghaar, the Y. P. R. U. Secretary as follows: 1. Encourage your young people to enter the contest for "credits" to be given for worth-while work in Sunday-school, church, and community service. 2. Help them to observe "Young People's Week" beginning with "Young People's Sunday," January 22, a day for joining the church. 3. Begin to raise money now to send a young person to "Isles of Shoals Week" next July. 4. Read the Young People's page in WORD AND WORK and keep in touch with their doings. Follow suggestions from Miss Tufts, Chairman of Committee on Young People, for holding our young people in the church. 1. Make them feel they are *needed* and give them work to do. 2. Listen to their ideas and speak the encouraging word *always*. 3. Explain to them our denominational activities and their duty to stay and help in their own church.

Monday, March 6, at 10.30 A.M., at 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mrs. Charles Gordon Ames will speak on the Alliance Study Class program and its value.

Send money for Hungarian Relief to Mrs. C. E. St. John, The Ranelegh, Boston 17, Mass.

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Items of Interest

Young People's Sunday, January 22, a day never to be forgotten in many of our churches, was observed in 153 churches. In 57 of these, the entire service was taken by young people. On that day 278 young people joined the church.

The following remarks are significant: "Those who attended our Young People's Service were much impressed with the spirit of dignity and reverence that characterized it from beginning to end." "Tears of gratitude were in the eyes of all the congregation, as our young people closed the service."

A Letter

The following is part of a letter written by Mr. A. Heath Onthank, our Pacific Coast Director, to the Menotomy Guild of Arlington, Mass. Mr. Onthank was the president of this Guild before he migrated to the "Golden West."

"Dear Friends of the Menotomy Guild,—I shall tell you in this letter only about the San Francisco Society, because their situation is closest to yours. To begin with, the Starr King Society of the First Unitarian Church there has the same noble traditions to uphold as you have in Arlington.

Another point of resemblance is the membership. There are twenty-five to thirty members, fairly equally divided as to boys and girls, and almost all of high-school age. Their problems and thoughts are exactly what yours are. And now, what do they do?

First, as to the religious or serious side. A meeting is held in the church parlors every Sunday evening at 6.30. Notice that I say *every Sunday*. The program runs this way: From 6.30 to 7, light supper; 7 to 7.15, short business meeting; 7.15 to 8, short religious service and talk.

The religious service is brief, but sincere. Gathered around an open fireplace, very similar to yours, all join in singing the hymns. The leader for the evening (a different one each Sunday) then reads a Psalm or passage from the Scriptures, at the conclusion of which all repeat the Lord's Prayer. Simple, isn't it? Yet very impressive, because every one takes an interest in it and lets it mean something to him. The president then introduces the speaker, who may speak on anything. Let us tell you some of the topics discussed:—

1. The minister gave a book review.
2. A doctor talked on public health service.
3. Carl Wetherell spoke on "Unitarianism."
4. A social worker spoke on "Community Service."

And so it goes! Another hymn, and the meeting closes.

And now, you ask, does it work? It works so well, that practically every one of those young people wouldn't miss one of those Sunday evening services on a bet! They are absolutely keen on it! When I explain that these boys and girls come, not from a little community of centralized homes like Arlington, but from every part of San Francisco, twenty minutes' or a half-hour's car-ride from the church, you will see what the evening must mean to them.

I sincerely urge that the Menotomy Guild consider this way of holding a meeting, because I believe you would like it immensely."

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